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EXAMINING GROUP 1623

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Chen et al.

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed April 28, 1999, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. These remarks and amendments serve to remove or clarify issues for appeal. This response is timely filed as a response is due on or before July 28, 1999.

Claims 20-30 are pending in the application. Claims 27-30 are cancelled by this amendment.

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